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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 10/092,897

Group Art Unit: 2878

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For: INSPECTION DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR INSPECTING FOREIGN  
MATTERS IN LIQUID FILLED IN TRANSPARENT CONTAINER

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UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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